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Completion of the final membership roll of the Wyandotte Indian Tribe of Oklahoma, following the disposition of all appeals, was announced today by the Department of the Interior.

The preliminary membership roll, published in the Federal Register April 5, 1957, included 1,159 individuals. The net result of additions and subtractions made as a consequence of appeals to the Secretary of the Interior is a final roll of 1,154 names.

All persons on the final roll, which will be published in the Federal Register shortly, are entitled to an equitable share in the tribal property, including the cemetery owned by the tribe in Kansas City, Kansas.

Under a 1956 congressional law, Federal trusteeship of the Wyandotte property is to be ended by next August 1. Before that time members on the final roll will decide whether the property should be sold and the proceeds distributed or whether it should be transferred to a tribally organized corporation or a tribally selected trustee.

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